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SUBJECT: WALDHEIM VISIT TO FRG

SUMMARY: IN BRIEFING US ON SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM'S

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FEBRUARY 4-6 VISIT TO THE FRG, FOREIGN OFFICE SOURCES

EXPRESSED RESTRAINED SATISFACTION. DISCUSSIONS WITH CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT AND FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER CONCERNED ON CONTROVERSY IN THE UN BETWEEN INDUSTRIALIZED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; THE MID EAST; CYPRUS; AND THE FRG'S EASTERN POLICY, PARTICULARLY ITS RELATIONS WITH THE GDR. END SUMMARY.

1. GENSCHER TOLD WALDHEIM THAT THE FRG WAS PROFOUNDLY CONCERNED OVER THE DIVISIONS BETWEEN THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES AND THE DEVELOPING WORLD AS THEY HAD RECENTLY MANIFESTED THEMSELVES WITHIN THE UN. FOLLOWING A LINE WHICH HE HAS TAKEN IN RECENT PUBLIC STATEMENTS (SEE BONN'S 760 NOTAL), GENSCHER SAID THAT THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC'S BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH MOST LDC'S WERE GOOD. IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT THE DISPUTES IN MULTILATERAL FORA NOT BE PERMITTED TO POISON EXISTING GOOD BILATERAL RELATIONS; ON THE CONTRARY, THE CAPITAL REPRESENTED BY THE LATTER SHOULD BE USED TO IMPROVE THE MULTILATERAL CLIMATE. THE FRG WANTED TO COOPERATE IN BOTH AREAS, GENSCHER SAID. AS EVIDENCE OF ITS WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE, HE CITED: THE FRG'S CONTRIBUTION TO PREPARATIONS FOR THE ENERGY CONFERENCE; PREPARATIONS FOR THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE, AND THE EC'S RECENT SUCCESS IN CONCLUDING AN AGREEMENT WITH ACP COUNTRIES.

2. IN RESPONSE, WALDHEIM SAID HE RECOGNIZED THE PROBLEM THAT EXISTED IN THE UN BUT MAINTAINED THAT IT WAS NOT FUNDAMENTALLY A PROBLEM OF THE UN. THE UN, IN PARTICULAR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WAS ONLY A REFLECTION OF THE REALITIES ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE. TO COME TO GRIP SUCCESSFULLY WITH THOSE REALITIES WOULD REQUIRE A CHANGED ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF BOTH THE THIRD WORLD AND THE INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES. WALDHEIM ATTACHED SPECIAL IMPORTANCE IN THIS CONNECTION TO THE FORTHCOMING 7TH SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UNGA. LIKE GENSCHER, HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF BILATERAL CONTACTS IN PREPARATION FOR MORE CONSTRUCTIVE WORK IN THE MULTILATERAL FRAMEWORK; AT THE SAME TIME, HE EMPHASIZED THAT BILATERAL RELATIONS SHOULD NOT BE REGARDED AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR BROAD-GAUGED CONFIDENTIAL

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COULD ONLY BE SOLVED MULTILATERALLY.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE MIDDLE EAST, WALDHEIM WAS SOMEWHAT

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MORE OPTIMISTIC THAN THE GERMANS HAD HEARD HIM IN THE PAST. HE DOUBTED THAT THERE WOULD BE A RENEWED OUTBREAK OF WAR. HE STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE, EITHER TO PUT A KIND OF IMPRIMATUR ON THE KISSINGER MISSION (TO LEGALIZE IT" WAS THE EXPRESSION OUR FON OFF SOURCES USED) OR, SHOULD THE STEP-BY-STEP APPROACH FAIL, TO OPERATE AS A KIND OF SAFETY VALVE, TAKING UP SLACK AND FORESTALLING ANY RAPID DETERIORATION OF THE SITUATION.

4. WITH REGARD TO CYPRUS, WALDHEIM CAME OUT STRONGLY AGAINST THE SECURITY COUNCIL AS A FORUM FOR NEGOTIATIONS, RECOGNIZING THAT THE GREEKS WOULD FAVOR IT BUT THAT IT WOULD BE ENTIRELY UNACCEPTABLE TO THE TURKISH SIDE.

5. THE ISSUE OF A WALDHEIM VISIT TO WEST BERLIN USED UP A LITTLE TIME AT THE BEGINNING OF THE VISIT BECAUSE THE GERMANS WERE UNHAPPY OVER STATEMENTS WALDHEIM HAD MADE IN BRUSSELS ON THIS SUBJECT. THE SECRETARY GENERAL SPENT SOME TIME ALONE WITH GENSCHER WORKING OUT AN AGREED STATEMENT FOR THE FOREIGN OFFICE TO ISSUE HERE TO THE EFFECT THAT A WALDHEIM VISIT TO WEST BERLIN COULD NOT BE FITTED INTO PRESENT TRIP OWING TO TIME PRESSURES BUT WOULD BE MADE AT A LATER DATE. IN ADDITION, GENSCHER TOOK THE OCCASION TO ELABORATE FRG VIEWS ON THE BERLIN SITUATION, RELATIONS BETWEEN THE FRG AND THE GDR, AND EASTERN POLICY IN GENERAL.

6. WALDHEIM APPEARS TO HAVE MADE A GOOD IMPRESSION HERE. THE VISIT INCLUDED A SPEECH BEFORE THE GERMAN UN ASSOCIATION WHICH WENT OVER WELL. GERMAN OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE HAVE TALKED REMARKED UPON THE BROAD AND OFTEN VAGUE QUALITY OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL'S STATEMENTS BUT OBSERVED THAT THIS IS DICTATED BY THE NECESSITY TO WHICH HE IS SUBJECTED OF TAKING ACCOUNT OF SO MANY DIFFERING AND OFTEN CONFLICTING INTERESTS.
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